

CASE PROCESSING STANDARDS ANALYSIS CIVIL TRAFFIC

National Center for State Courts Model Time Standards for Criminal Traffic and Local Ordinance:

75% within 30 days
90% within 60 days
98% within 90 days

Measurement: Filing of complaint through disposition (e.g., dismissal, judgment).

Arizona Civil Traffic

The following case processing time standards have been adopted for civil traffic cases in the justice and municipal courts:

80% within 60 days
98% within 90 days

- ✓ Civil local ordinance cases are excluded.
- ✓ Photo-radar and photo enforcement tickets are excluded.
- ✓ Parking tickets are excluded.

Measurement: Filing of Arizona Traffic Ticket and Complaint (ATTC) or by long-form complaint through disposition (e.g., dismissal, judgment).

Excluded Time: The following may result in a stay of proceedings, and the time elapsed will be excluded from the measurement: pre-adjudication diversion, defensive driving school, specialty courts/programs, pre-adjudication special action/appeals, and stays granted pursuant to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.

Arizona Rules and Statutes	Timelines under Statute and Rule
Commencement of Action: Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS)§ 28-1592(B)(1) ARS § 28-1592(B)(2) ARS § 28-1592(B)(3) and (4)	If a case is commenced by issuance, it shall be issued within 60 days of the alleged violation. If a case is commenced by filing, it shall be filed within 60 days of the alleged violation and shall be served within 90 days from the filing date. A civil traffic violation case shall be commenced within 180 days of the alleged violation if the alleged violation is under investigation in conjunction with a traffic accident and within 1 year if in conjunction with a traffic accident resulting in death.
Traffic Ticket/Complaint Filed:	(Measurement starts when traffic ticket/complaint filed with court)
Entry of Plea: Rule 22, Ariz.R.P. Civil Traf. ¹	Failure to Appear: If the defendant fails to appear as required, the allegations are deemed admitted, judgment must be entered for the state, sanctions must be imposed, and the judgment must be reported to the

¹ Arizona Rules of Procedure in Civil Traffic and Civil Boating Violation Cases

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Rule 22, Ariz.R.P. Civil Traf	<u>Default by Defendant at Hearing:</u> If the defendant fails to appear as required, the allegations of the complaint shall be deemed admitted, and the court shall enter a judgment for the State, impose a civil sanction, and report such judgment to the Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division.
Rule 24, Ariz.R.P. Civil Traf	<u>Finding of Responsible or Not Responsible:</u> If the defendant is found responsible, the court shall enter judgment for the State and impose a civil sanction. If the defendant is found not responsible, the court shall enter judgment for the defendant and return any deposit. (Measurement Stops Here)